Dewan-President.—

We shall collect the information and furnish the same to you.

Mr. G. Parmasiviah.—

I request Government not to give such indefinite replies, at least in the future.

Mr. Mallappa.—

Does the collection of this information involve any additional cost ?

Chief Secretary.—

No. The information will be collected and furnished.

Mr. Mallappa.—

If the information is furnished, will it not facilitate our knowing what action has been taken by the Government on the resolutions passed by this Assembly ?

Dewan-President.—

Yes. It will be very useful indeed.

Mr. B. Srinivasa Iyengar.—

Has it not come to the notice of Government that very little benefit accrues to the people if the resolutions are not promptly disposed of by Government ?

Dewan-President.—

You are arguing now, are you not?

BY MR. D. S. MALLAPPA (Tiptur Taluk).—

Q.—34. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) What important changes have been effected as a result of the Revenue Audit?

(*b*) What amount of money defalcated was brought to light ?

(*c*) What punishment was awarded to officers responsible for the misappropriation and to officers through whose lack of supervision such misappropriation occurred?

(*d*) What benefits accrued from the Revenue Audit?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—34. (*a*) The system of Land Revenue Accounts has been thoroughly overhauled and a revised scheme of accounts has been sanctioned with a view to secure the following objects:—

(1) To ensure items of demand being promptly brought on the books;
to prevent leakage of revenue;
to secure effective supervision over collections by the periodical examination of arrears and reconciliation of the departmental and treasury credits; and
to co-ordinate the D.C.B. and other accounts and returns in the several Revenue Offices, including those of the village servants.

(2) The registers and returns in the District Offices have been standardised and the unnecessary reports and returns reduced or modified with a view to simplification of work and economy of labour.

(3) The simplified system of office procedure has been introduced in the District and Sub-Divisional Offices in the State.

(4) The larger use of Vernacular forms of correspondence in offices subordinate to the Deputy Commissioner has been enforced.

(5) The preparation of Land Revenue Estimates in the Revenue Offices has been systematized.

(6) The D.C.B. Accounts in the Forest and Income-Tax Departments have also been revised for enabling superior officers to exercise proper supervision over the progress of collection of revenue.

(*b*) Rs. 245-8-0. *Vide* also the first para of reply to Question (*d*) *infra*.

(*c*) Government consider it sufficient to state that necessary disciplinary action was taken against the officers concerned.

(*d*) Leakage of revenue and losses due to want of effective supervision were brought to notice in several of the offices in the marginally noted departments whose accounts have so far been examined. As a result of such examination suitable

Land Revenue Department, Excise Department, Forest Department, Income-Tax Department, Amrutmahal Department, Geological Department, Sandal Oil Factory, Krishnarajasagara Irrigation Contribution accounts.

steps have been taken not only to recover the losses wherever possible but also to prevent such occurrences in future by introducing changes in the system of accounts or by taking disciplinary action as the case may be.

Reference is invited to the several orders of Government passed on the reports of the Revenue Audit Officer, a list of which is attached for information. (*Vide* Appendix VIII.) Copies of these orders (except those of a confidential nature) will be furnished, if required.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

With reference to reply (*a*) (3), is there any reduction of expenditure on establishments as a result of the simplified system of office procedure? If so, what is the amount of savings expected?

Second Member of Council.—

Proposals are before the Revenue Commissioner and whether there will be any savings or not cannot be definitely stated until his report on the proposals is received.

Mr. Mallappa.—

Will it be possible to show any reduction in the next year's budget?

Second Member of Council.—

No definite reply can be given until the report from the Revenue Commissioner is received.

By Mr. J. Rudrappa (Tumkur Taluk).—

Q.—35. Will the Government be pleased to furnish information regarding the management of Yediyur temple in Kunigal Taluk on the following particulars:—

(*a*) Have the Government perused the article on the Yediyur temple appearing in the *Mysore Star* of the 13th March 1926? Have the Government made any enquiries to find out the truth or otherwise of the statements contained therein? If so, what is the result?

(*b*) When did the management of the Yediyur temple pass into the hands of the Muzrai Department? Prior to the transfer of management and even after it,